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SUBJ: OFFICIAL NORWEGIAN VISITOR TO SOUTH KOREA

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1. REF A REPORTS THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE ROK BY TOM ERIC VRAALSEN, CHIEF OF THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASIAN, AFRICAN, LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION. VRAALSEN IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MANY OFFICERS IN THIS EMBASSY AND IS BASICALLY WELL- DISPOSED TOWARD THE US , THOUGH WE HAVE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES OF VIEWPOINT ON MANY PARTS OF HIS FAR-FLUNG AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THOUGH YOUNG (37) HE HAS A SIGNIFICANT VOICE IN FORMULATION OF POLICY TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD. (THIS IS PERHAPS LESS TRUE AT THE MOMENT THAN WHEN LABOR GOVERNMENTS ARE IN POWER IN NORWAY; LABOR WAS RULING WHEN VRAALSEN WENT TO PYONGYANG LAST FALL, AND IT IS LIKELY TO RETURN TO POWER LATER THIS YEAR.) VRAALSEN HAS SERVED TWICE IN PEKING AND ALSO IN CAIRO , MANILA AND DJAKARTA.

2. SHOULD VRAALSEN CALL ON YOU WHILE IN SEOUL, YOU MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW REF B, WHICH REPORTED HIS OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM PYONGYANG.
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